IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lootz et al. <u>Examiner:</u> Jonathan Stroud

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Title: CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR CONNECTING A STENT TO A

RADIOPAQUE MARKER AND A PROCESS FOR THE

PRODUCTION OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN A STENT AND TWO

OR MORE RADIOPAQUE MARKERS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This letter is responsive to the Office Action/Examiner's restriction requirement transmitted on 23 July 2008.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION - none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS - none.

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